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photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

John Mark Wood, right, and Joseph Schwartzel were among cyclists competing in the second heat of the 10-mile cycling portion of the rain and lightning affected triathlon. Company C, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, hosted the first ever Fort George G. Meade, Md., triathlon, which was converted to a biathlon due to heavy lightning in the area.

Charlie Company hosts first ever Fort Meade triathlon, despite lightning

by Suzan Holl
Soundoff!

Company C, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, sponsored what was to be Fort George G. Meade's first servicewide triathlon, May 9. But the three-event contest was reduced to a biathlon when lightning in the area caused the 200 meter swim to be eliminated.

Coordinator Capt. Kenneth Redman, commander of Company C said the decision to cut out the swim portion of the contest came after waiting 40 minutes past the noon start time. "We waited until 12:40 p.m. and decided to skip the swim and call it a biathlon,"

Redman said.

Even with the stormy weather and just two events, Redman said he was pleased with the number of individuals who still showed up to compete.

Individuals and teams from various units and commands on Fort Meade and the National Security Agency registered for the race. Redman said initially there were 12 teams made up of two or three people each, and 26 individuals signed up to compete. But that number dwindled a bit with the onslaught of threatening weather.

"We had about 45 to 50 people show up out of the 60 that registered, so I feel that it still was an absolute success," he said.

This is the first time the 741st MI Battalion sponsored such an event. "We usually have a golf tournament, but we wanted to do something different this year," Redman said. The unit decided that a triathlon would not be too intimidating and would be something most people could finish. Thanks to Mother Nature it was made shorter.

All military service members and NSA employees were eligible to compete in the following categories: individual female/male, mixed team, female team and male team.

Teams were required to have two to three participants and each member had to compete in at least — (go to page 12, Triathlon)

Summer marks changes for brigade, Army

by Col. Marcus A. Kuiper
704th MI Brigade commander

June marks the beginning of summer, and for many of us this change of season also marks the traditional Army permanent change of station (PCS) season.

For the next few months, we will see many personnel changes in the brigade, the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) and the Army.

The stop loss and stop move policies have been lifted, so we can expect to experience more turnover than usual. With these changes, when combined with our brigade's critical role and ongoing deployments in support of the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan, along with the continuing Global War on Terrorism, I expect this summer will be exceptionally turbulent.

At the battalion level, we say farewell this summer to two outstanding battalion commanders, Lt. Col. Dee Raynor, 741st Military Intelligence



Battalion, and Lt. Col. Steve Stewart of the 742nd MI Battalion.

Their countless contributions to the Army and our nation during their two years of command have been exceptional, and they've postured their battalions for continued success with the new command team. I wish them both the best of luck in their future.

Along with the change of battalion commanders, the executive officers and S3s of all three battalions, along with many other staff members, will be leaving the brigade. Their contributions have also been outstanding, allowing the brigade to meet the requirements of our new Global War on Terrorism mission, while at the same time maintaining momentum in our ongoing transformation.

There is also change occurring at INSCOM and Army levels. Maj. Gen. Keith Alexander will be leaving this summer to become the Army G2, replacing Lt. Gen. Robert Noonan who is retiring. The new INSCOM commander, Brig. Gen. John Kimmons, will be arriving from his current duty as the Central Command (CENTCOM) J2. The Secretary of the Army, Thomas White, has stepped down, and the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Eric Shinseki, will be retiring this month.

With these changes, the importance of a

detailed transition and a quality sponsorship plan can't be overemphasized. Also, updated continuity books and standard operating procedures (SOPs) are critical for a smooth handover to your successors.

For those of us not moving this summer, we are a key link to the brigade's continued success. We provide the continuity. Keep focused and keep looking forward.

Al Qaeda is on the run, weakened by 19 months of worldwide counterterrorism operations and our successful battles in Iraq and Afghanistan. However, the recent attacks in Saudi Arabia, which left 34 people dead, shows they are not yet destroyed.

Remember, even a badly battered Al Qaeda can mount deadly attacks and other less organized groups and individuals – some only loosely affiliated with Al Qaeda – will attempt strikes here in the United States and throughout the world.

Remain vigilant as you enjoy the summer, and practice safety in everything you do. Be aware of your surroundings, and always travel with a buddy. For all of you leaving, I wish you the best of luck. As you move on to your new assignment, or begin to enjoy your retirement, thanks for your contributions to the brigade and to our nation.

HERE AND EVERYWHERE

INSCOM CG moving up to Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence

FORT BELVOIR, Va. – Maj. Gen. Keith B. Alexander has been nominated by President George W. Bush for promotion to the grade of lieutenant general and assignment as deputy chief of staff for intelligence, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announced May 5.

Alexander has served as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) since Feb. 12, 2001.

Previous assignments for the Syracuse, N.Y., native include the director of intelligence, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., and deputy director for requirements, capabilities, assessments and doctrine and

intelligence for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Alexander has served in a variety of command assignments in Germany and the United States. These include tours as commander of Border Field Office, 511th Military Intelligence Battalion, 66th MI Group; 336th Army Security Agency Company, 524th MI Group; 204th MI Battalion; and 525th MI Brigade.

Additionally, Alexander held key staff assignments as deputy director and operations officer, Army Intelligence Master Plan, for the deputy chief of staff for intelligence; plans and operations officer and executive officer, 522nd MI Battalion, 2nd Armored Division; and intelligence officer for 1st AD both in Germany and Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

The West Point graduate also holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy and a Master of Science degree in business administration from Boston University.

He holds a Master of Science degree in systems technology (electronic warfare) and a Master of Science degree in physics from the Naval Post Graduate School.

Alexander also holds a Master of Science degree in national security strategy from the National Defense University.

His military education include: the Armor Officer Basic Course; the MI Officer Advanced Course; the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College; and the National War College.

Alexander's awards and decorations include: the Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster; Legion of Merit with four oak leaf clusters; Bronze Star; Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters; Air Medal; Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster; and Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

His badges include: the Senior Parachutist Badge; the Army Staff Identification Badge; and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

Alexander will be succeeded by Brig. Gen. John F. Kimmons, who is currently serving as the Central Command (CENTCOM) J2, as the next commanding general of INSCOM.



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704th MI Brigade Mission

The 704th Military Intelligence Brigade conducts continuous full-spectrum signals intelligence, computer network and information security operations directly, and through NSA to satisfy National, Joint, Combined and Army information superiority requirements.

Focus

To ensure mission accomplishment in an ethical environment while providing opportunities for individual professional growth and satisfaction, we must have:

- Competent and caring leaders,
- Well trained and fit soldiers,
- Efficient, effective unit operations,
- Unit cohesion and pride,
- Planned, orderly growth and change.



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Looking Good, Ought to be in Hollywood

Pfc. Colin Angele stands ready to post the colors at the annual 704th Military Intelligence Brigade Officer's Dining-In at Club Meade on Fort George G. Meade, Md., May 17. Members of the 704th MI Brigade Honor Guard had a busy day. That morning, two of its members were at The Preakness for the National Anthem and afterwards they raced back to for the Dining-In. "Talk about your devotion to duty, honor and selfless-service," said Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Hines, non-commissioned officer in charge of the Honor Guard. "That is why I love being in the Honor Guard. The members are volunteers and they give up a lot to do what they do." Members of the 704th MI Brigade Honor Guard include; Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Hines, Sgt. Keisha Rivers, Sgt. Shaun Kuhn, Spc. Roxanne Acevedo, Pfc. Colin Angele and Pfc. Rebecca Johnson.

Justice Served

UCMJ action around 704th

- The following are the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) actions within the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade from April 15 through May 22:
- A Summary Court-Martial was convened on May 21, 2003. Pfc. Jacy Washington was charged with the following violations: Article 86 – Absent Without Leave (AWOL); Article 86 – Failure to go to Appointed Place of Duty; Article 107 – False Official Statement; and Article 112a – Illegal Use of a Controlled Substance (Marijuana). Washington was found guilty and sentenced to a reduction to E-1, confinement for 27 days, fined \$750 and oral reprimand. He will serve his confinement at the Quantico Marine Base Brig, Va.
 - A specialist in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 704th MI Brigade, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to go to Appointed Place of Duty. The soldier received reduction to E3 (suspended until July 23, 2003), extra duty for 14 days, restriction for 14 days and oral reprimand.
 - A private first class in Headquarters and Operations Company, 741st MI Battalion, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to go to Appointed Place of Duty. The soldier received a reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$301 in pay and restriction for 14 days.
 - A specialist in Company A, 742nd MI Battalion, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 92: Failure to Obey Order (Misuse of Government Travel Card). The soldier received a reduction to E-3, forfeiture of \$356 pay (suspended until October 31, 2003), extra duty for 14 days, restriction for 14 days and oral reprimand.
 - A specialist in Company B, 742nd MI Battalion, received a company grade Article 15 for the following violations: Article 86 - Failure to go to Appointed Place of Duty; Article 107 – False Official Statement; and Article 121 - Larceny. The soldier received a reduction to E-3 (suspended until July 29, 2003), forfeiture of \$200 pay, extra duty for ten days and restriction for ten days.
 - A sergeant in HOC, 743rd MI Battalion, received a field grade Article 15 for the following violation of Article 86: Failure to go to Appointed Place of Duty. The soldier received a reduction to E-4, forfeiture of \$832 pay per month for two months and extra duty for 45 days.



Chapman assumes role as Charlie Company commander

by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt
Editor, The Voice

Capt. Jennifer Chapman, a former watch officer and branch chief in the Meade Operations Center at the National Security Agency, took command of Company C, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, at a change of command ceremony held at Fort George G. Meade, Md., May 21.

Chapman takes command of Company C from outgoing commander Capt. Kenneth Redman who is scheduled to serve as the assistant S3 for the 704th MI Brigade.

Chapman, a Staten Island, N.Y., native began her military career when she graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., in 1995 with a Bachelors of Science degree and was commissioned a second



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Lt. Col. Diana Raynor, commander, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, hands the Company C, 741st MI Battalion guidon to incoming commander Capt. Jennifer Chapman.

lieutenant in the Military Intelligence Corps.

Her first assignment was in the Republic of Korea, where she served as the assistant brigade S2 for the 2nd Infantry Division's Aviations

Brigade. Prior to Chapman's assignment at Fort Meade, she was with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment serving as platoon leader of the 66th MI Company and Support Squadron S2.

Chapman's military education includes: MI Officer's Basic Course; Captain's Career Course; Signals Intelligence Officer Course; Combined Arms Service Staff School; and NSA's Advanced Cryptologic Course.

Her award's and decorations include: Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; and the NATO Medal.

Chapman is married to Capt. Joseph Chapman, who is an Army Medical Service Corps logistician assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Chaplain’s Corner: Don’t Major in the Minors

by Maj. David Causey
Brigade Chaplain

Tom Deal loved to play softball. He played all the time through summer. But to Tom, softball was just a game. He didn’t take it to serious when he made an error or dropped the ball. That’s good, because he dropped the ball quite a bit. In fact, if you’d asked his teammates, they’d have told you Tom Deal was a chronic butterfingers. He was always dropping the ball.

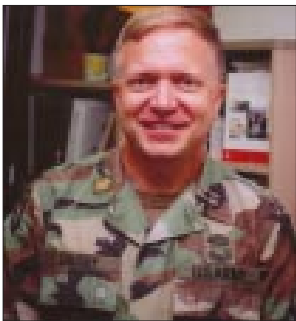
One Saturday, July 25, 1981, Tom made a serious error. He dropped the ball and allowed the opposite team to score five runs.

It cost his team the game. This time Tom felt bad, even if it was just a game. Tom fell asleep that night with the words of his teammates still ringing in his ears: “Tom, you’re always dropping the ball.”

The next morning Tom woke up to the sound of a baby crying. The crying continued – for what seemed to be an hour. At 7:30 a.m., that Sunday, Tom dragged himself out of bed to look for the crying child. What he saw almost stopped his heart.

There, on the third-floor of the apartment building across the parking lot, was a ten-month-old baby perched on the edge of the balcony about to fall at any moment.

He was to find out later, that a careless baby-sitter had placed the child asleep on a couch. Then the baby woke, crawled to the screen door leading



to the balcony, opened it and crawled out.

Tom whipped on his robe and dashed across the parking lot to the third floor and pounded on the apartment door. No answer. He thought of kicking in the door, but feared it would take to much precious time. Seconds counted.

He dashed back downstairs into the parking lot and positioned himself just below the baby. One chubby little leg appeared over the balcony edge, then another. All Tom, the butterfingers, could do was stretch out his hands and try to make the catch of his life.

Then it happened. The baby flipped over the balcony edge, grazed the second floor balcony, and landed safely in Tom Deal’s arms – still crying, but safe and unharmed.

“All the baby – a little girl named Jennifer – needed was a diaper change,” said Paul Harvey, Jr., from his book *Destiny*.

Sometimes, in the game of life, we may fill like an outfielder trying to catch a steady stream of fly balls with too many to manage. Some we must simply let fall to the ground, while we do our best to catch.

But life is not a game. We need wisdom to recognize what is most important in life and what is not, what balls can be dropped and what balls we must catch. Tom Deal dropped many softballs, yet still made the most important catch of his life. He minored in the minors, but majored in the majors.

God helps us to major in the majors of our lives – our families and our faith. When it comes to God and family, don’t drop the ball. In the Scripture our Lord said, “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, then all these things shall be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

704th Unit Ministry Team at Fort Meade
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Activities
704th Bible Study
Every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
at the 741st MI Battalion Conference Room
Free Anthony’s Pizza and Soft Drinks
Family Fitness Training - Baltimore Aquarium
Thursday, July 10 at the Baltimore Aquarium
No cost to soldiers and family members
Spiritual Fitness Training - Baltimore Orioles
Friday, Aug. 14 at Camden Yard Stadium
No cost to soldiers and family members



Conquering the rapids

Soldiers from the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade braved the thunderous rapids of the New River, near Beckley, W. Va., May 21 through 23 on the brigade chaplain’s Spiritual Fitness Retreat.

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 741st MI Battalion and 742nd MI Battalion participated in the chaplain’s trip on which they had to work together as a team to survive 15-foot waves and Class V rapids on a river that was 11 feet above normal level and nearly ten times its normal flow (the normal flow of the New River is 2,500 cubic feet per second and it had swollen to 24,500 cubic feet per second).

The trip was just one of many that the brigade chaplain conducts for the benefit of soldiers and family members of the 704th MI Brigade.

Pictured from left to right are: Pfc. Roy Thien, Headquarters and Operations Company, 742nd MI Battalion; the river guide, whose name is unknown; Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Sanders, Company A, 742nd MI Battalion; David Sanders, family member; and Spc. Brian Spargur, HOC, 742nd MI Battalion (courtesy photo).

Patriotism: Love of and devotion to country

by Staff Sgt. Jon Craig
741st MI Battalion

The American Heritage Dictionary defines patriotism as: Love of and devotion to one’s country. What then is the value of loving one’s country?

As Americans, we take pride in the revolutionary daring and political progressiveness of our founding fathers. Surely we are correct in honoring such achievement. Yet prior to World War II, the citizens of Germany expressed profound patriotism which beget a fatal nationalism.

What might be the proper amount and intensity of patriotism in today’s global community? I believe patriotism is valuable because it reinforces a nation’s culture, unites its citizens in their common defense and reflects the hope that one’s country will improve in character with age.

Culture is uniquely a ‘group’ phenomenon as it is a living, breathing entity which embodies the collective lives of all the citizens of a country. When viewed as a whole, the sum of those combined lives is greater than its individual parts. If a nation’s culture were a tapestry, its citizens’ lives and works would be the threads, while patriotism would be the pride of which the tapestry is displayed.

Typically as humans, we tend to revere our past, strive to enjoy the present and optimistically look forward to the years to come. Patriotism reinforces the notion that one’s culture is rich in history, relevant and engaging in the present and promising in the future.

A country is basically a group of people within a geo-political boundary. Although its citizens may be uniquely diverse, a country is bound as a unit by



its borders. A sense of patriotism serves to clearly delineate that boundary as both a final protective line against invaders, and a tangible statement of sovereignty.

When threatened, it is crucial to the survival of a society that its citizens join in the effort to repulse their attackers. Of course the people must come together physically in their common defense, but it is the emotional glue of patriotism that binds them to one another in purpose.

Patriotism shores up the courage of a nation’s convictions when it is faced with an aggressor. A country has sovereignty over its people and its national interests, and therefore must behave persistently in its own self-interest to ensure the health, welfare and prosperity of its citizens. Patriotism is the valuable expression of the faith and trust of those citizens in the history, character and dignity of their country.

A country is normally characterized by the personality and actions of its constituents. Since most people prefer to live their lives with a sense of history, purpose and dignity, we would like to see this reflected at the national level.

Patriotism plays the valuable role of cheerleader in this process. It promotes unity and buttresses our pursuit of common goals. Patriotism is valuable because its expression honors and sustains the best characteristics of a proud, dignified and optimistic society.



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Soldier recognized for Iraqi Freedom role

by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt
Editor, *The Voice*

Not many soldiers get a chance to spend the day with the Secretary of Defense and a four-star general, but one soldier from the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade did just that.

Sgt. Traci Williams, collection manager at the Overhead Collection Management Center in the National Security Agency, Headquarters and Operations Company, 742nd MI Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, was selected to accompany Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of Central Command (CENTCOM), as they briefed Congress on Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“When I met Gen. Franks and Secretary Rumsfeld it was a great experience,” said Williams. “I’ve seen them on television, and then I actually got to meet them. They are both really down-to-earth people.”

The day started out when Maj. Gen. Keith Alexander, commanding general of U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) tasked the 742nd MI Battalion to get a top-notch soldier who supported Operation Iraqi Freedom to the Pentagon by 11 a.m. to go to Congress with Franks and Rumsfeld.

Williams, who has been named the OCMC Performer of the Quarter and the Year, was an obvious choice.



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Sgt. Traci Williams, collection manager at the Overhead Collection Management Center at the National Security Agency, Headquarters and Operations Company, 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, received coins from Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Gen. Tommy Franks, commander, Central Command (CENTCOM), for her role in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

She also is an INSCOM soldier who participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Her job dealt with working missions in support of CENTCOM.

“We were put from days to mids to the night shift. We worked 12 days before we got a day off. Our team got hit the hardest, because we

switched from the different shifts without a break,” said Williams.

After Williams was selected to go, she headed to the Pentagon to meet with the Secretary of Defense.

“Secretary Rumsfeld gave me a coin, and I got to spend about half-an-hour in his office,” said Williams. “After that we spent the rest of the time with Gen. Franks and he gave me a coin as well.”

After lunch, Williams went to Capitol Hill and was taken to a meeting with about 50 Senators. Rumsfeld and Franks made a speech on Operation Iraqi Freedom and they incorporated Williams’ biography with their speeches.

Then the group went to the House of Representatives, where Rumsfeld and Franks gave the same speech, but this time the congressmen gave the soldiers a standing ovation.

“It was great meeting Gen. Franks and Secretary Rumsfeld. The best part about the trip, though, was meeting the guys who were on the ground during Iraqi Freedom,” said Williams. “I actually got to meet the guys who I helped during the Iraqi War.”

“Sgt. Williams was a true professional,” said Capt. Gregory Keeney, commander, HOC, 742nd MI Battalion.

“She had a great day and she did not stop talking about the day until we hit Laurel (Md.) on our way back,” he said.



Shave for a Cure

by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bob Van Horn
743rd Military Intelligence Battalion

The Australian Northern Territory Leukemia Foundation held a fundraising event, this March deemed Shave for a Cure, designed to raise funds and increase awareness for the treatment of leukemia by shaving the heads of volunteers.

With stunned looks and a lot of giggles, detachment soldiers emerged changed men. The detachment also won the team award for having the most participants.

Spearheading Detachment A, 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade’s quest for baldness were soldiers from the detachment stationed in Alice Springs, Australia, who raised more than \$2,500.

Pictured in the front row from left to right are Staff Sgt. Chad Dull, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jack Hodgen, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Paul Zeranski and Staff Sgt. Shawn Hurst. In the second row from left to right are Staff Sgt. Tim Anderson, Sgt. 1st Class John Galinat and Maj. Dan Miller. In the back row are Kathryn Van Horn (not shaved) and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bob Van Horn (courtesy photo).

Alexander takes command of Bravo Company

by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt
Editor, The Voice

Capt. Anre’e Alexander, former battle captain of the Army Technical Control and Analysis Element (ATCAE) at the National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, Md., took command of Company B, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade at a change of command ceremony held at the Fort George G. Meade Museum on Fort Meade, Md., May 9.

Alexander takes command of Company B from outgoing commander Capt. Mark Lessman, who is scheduled to serve as the officer-in-charge of five different sites for the Joint Field Support Center in Hanover, Md.

“All soldiers in Bravo Company perform duties that are vital to our nation’s defense,” said Lt. Col. Diana Raynor, commander, 741st MI Battalion. “A leader is not judged by his accomplishments, but by his soldiers’ accomplishments. Capt. Lessman, mission accomplished.”

Alexander began his military career in August 1988 as an airborne infantryman; where after completing

Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga., was assigned with 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.

In June 1992, Alexander reenlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard as a mechanized mortarman and completed his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Management from Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss. Following graduation in 1996, he was commissioned as an Armor officer with a branch transfer to Military Intelligence.

Alexander’s awards and decorations include: the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (6th award), Army Achievement Medal (5th award), Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, Southwest Asia Service with two Bronze Service Stars, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Multinational Force and Observers Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Combat Infantry Badge, the Parachutist and Air Assault Badge.

“To tell you the truth,” said Alexander. “I am the happiest man out here today.”



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Capt. Anre’e Alexander, incoming commander, takes the guidon and command of Company B, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, from Lt. Col. Diana Raynor, commander, 742nd MI Battalion at a Change of Command ceremony held at the Fort George G. Meade Museum on Fort Meade, Md., May 9.

741st duo capture brigade, post quarter boards

by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt
Editor, The Voice

Two soldiers from the 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, have been named the Non-Commissioned Officer and Soldier of the Quarter for Fort George G. Meade, Md., for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2003.

Sgt. Maria Negron, non-morse signal analyst from Company B and Spc. Christina Jackson, signal intelligence analyst from Company C, both captured the honor after winning the 704th MI Brigade NCO and Soldier of the Quarter boards. The dangerous duo went on to compete against other board winners from around Fort Meade to capture the titles of NCO and Soldier of the Quarter for Fort Meade.

“It felt good to win, and I’m eager to compete again,” said Negron. “Hopefully, I’ll be able to win when I compete for the brigade and post NCO of the Year.”

Negron, a native of Los Angeles, Calif., works as a dial number recognition collection manager for the Targeting and Compliance Branch at the National Security Agency here at Fort Meade. The

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photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Command Sgt. Maj. Randy Wilson, command sergeant major, 704th Military Intelligence Brigade, congratulates Spc. Christina Jackson, signal intelligence analyst, Company C, 741st MI Battalion, 704th MI Brigade, on winning the 704th MI Brigade Soldier of the Quarter. Jackson went on to win the Fort George G. Meade, Md., Soldier of the Quarter.

Around the Army

‘Warrior’s Walk’ honors 3ID soldiers killed in Iraq

FORT STEWART, Ga. (Army News Service) - More than 3,000 family members, soldiers and friends of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) attended a memorial ceremony April 30 to honor the division’s 34 soldiers killed in action during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“Forever more, these soldiers will be remembered and most of all they will always be here, marching in every formation on the field of honor. They will be in attendance at our most important events. They will not be forgotten,” said Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, the garrison commander at Fort Stewart, Ga.

“Today, we solemnly read their names; an honor roll of courageous warriors who gave their all to their country, unit, and fellow soldiers. We will honor them with a living tribute of their great sacrifice,” Poltorak said.

Thirty-four eastern red bud trees, native to Georgia, were planted with a granite marker in front of each tree with the soldier’s rank, name and Iraqi Freedom engraved on it. The trees will bloom annually in the late spring, which is about the same time Iraqi Freedom was ongoing.

The trees were planted in two rows on the edge of Cottrell Field at Fort Stewart and the area will know be known as Warriors Walk.

“Through the years the ‘Rock of the Marne’ division has paid a heavy price, more than 35,000 casualties in five wars and many battles since it’s formation at Camp Green, N.C., in 1917,” he said.

The soldiers of the Marne Division were prepared when called to deploy to Kuwait, Poltorak said.

In January, the division moved in weeks to the Middle East and awaited orders, he said. More than a month ago the division struck deep into the heart of Iraq, straight to the capital, Baghdad, fighting its way in the tough conditions, through the Iraqi Army, Republican Guard, Fedayeen fighters and anyone else who stood in its way in little more than 23 days.



photo by Spc. Jonathan M. Stack
Staff. Sgt. Donald Homes salutes the flag as retreat is being played and the colors are being retired at the end of the memorial ceremony at Fort Stewart, Ga.

“While, the Marne Division encountered tens of thousands of enemy fighters, it left thousands of them dead, and thousands more were wounded and captured. Thirty-four of our soldiers died and 87 were wounded,” Poltorak continued.

During the ceremony, Command Sgt. Maj. Carl T. Smith, installation command sergeant major, read the names of the 34 soldiers. After each name, a soldier guarding the marker removed a veil of courage, made of desert camouflage material with the soldier’s rank and 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) patch sewn on it.

“Those killed and injured were from units throughout the division. Headquarters units and line units, infantry, combat engineer, aviation, field artillery, and support units,” Poltorak said.

“They were young troopers and old soldiers, private to captain to chief warrant officer 4,” he said.

“Single soldiers and married soldiers, some with large families and some with small, died and were wounded for their country and its values. They fought for their units and most of all for the soldiers standing next to them,” Poltorak said.

The ceremony ended with retreat after which

the family members were given a chance to go and see Warriors Walk.

The memorial is a chilling reminder that freedom is not free, said Sonny Perdue, governor of Georgia.

Sgt. Eugene Williams’ family was one of the many that attended the ceremony. The noncommissioned officer would have been 25 years old the day of the ceremony. “They did a beautiful job with today’s ceremony,” said Ulyses Williams, father of Williams.

“I know my son did not die for nothing - he died a hero,” he said.

Warriors Walk will be completed soon by friends of the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.), Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, said Poltorak.

“We thank our friends for this tribute and this wonderful reminder of their great sacrifice, and that each and everyday our fallen brothers are with us,” he said. “To all of their families, wives, children, others, fathers, sisters, brothers, friends and relations, on behalf of a grateful Army and nation our heartfelt gratitude goes out to each for your sacrifice, for the Marne Division, their fellow soldiers and this great country, the United States of America.”

CENTCOM’s Franks: ‘Iraq’s Best Days are yet to Come’

WASHINGTON (American Forces Press Service) – Fifty-two days after President Bush gave the go-ahead for military action in Iraq, the Army general who led the campaign stood in the Pentagon and spoke of the mission’s successes.

“Today, the Iraqi people no longer live in fear of a regime of Saddam Hussein,” Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the U.S. Central Command, told reporters. “Key regime figures are being brought to justice every day, one by one.”

Other high points of coalition intervention in Iraq:

- Coalition forces have removed “hundreds of tons” of weapons and ammunition from schools, residential neighborhoods and religious sites.

- Iraqi children returning to school.
- Basic services, such as healthcare, water and electrical power, are being restored throughout the country.

“Nations in the Red Sea and the Gulf region are no longer threatened by a regime in Iraq that attacked neighbors twice in the last 20 years,” Franks said.

Coalition forces are also working with the government of Kuwait to find some 600 Kuwaiti citizens still missing from Iraq’s 1990 invasion. According to CENTCOM officials in southern Iraq, experts are “exploiting” a mass grave found near Samawah. Evidence at the site led experts to believe the remains could be those of missing Kuwaitis.

Franks noted that Iraqi citizens are forming local governments and town councils. “Iraq’s best days are yet to

come,” he said.

He echoed President Bush’s May 1 comments aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln returning from the Gulf that major combat operations in Iraq are over. But, Franks cautioned, American troops “still stand in harm’s way.”

An American soldier from the Army’s V Corps was killed in a bold daylight shooting in eastern Baghdad May 8. CENTCOM officials in Iraq said the soldier was directing traffic at about 1 p.m. local time “when he was approached and shot by an unknown attacker with a pistol.” The attacker escaped.

“I have every expectation that we will continue to see pockets of resistance, and we will see pockets of instability, and we will come across difficult situations in the weeks and in the months ahead,” Franks

said. “But our forces are up to the task.”

During the same briefing, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said defense leaders track the status of 27 metropolitan areas in Iraq with a color-coded system. Each city is assigned colors to indicate the status of such things as the security situation, clean water and electrical power.

Red indicates the situation is worse than it was at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Green means it is at pre-war levels, and blue stands for better-than-pre-war levels. Rumsfeld explained that white stood for “unobserved,” but that all areas have been observed by now.

“The reds have disappeared as of this morning,” he added.

Around the Army



Photo by Sgt. Reebe Critser

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki pins the Decoration of Distinguished Civilian Service, the highest Army civilian award, on outgoing Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White May 9, 2003.

Army bids farewell to 18th Secretary

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) - A farewell ceremony marked the end of Thomas White's term as the 18th secretary of the Army.

The Department of Defense announced that White submitted his resignation to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. The reason for White's sudden decision to step down was not given.

The White House announced that James Roche, who is currently the Secretary of the Air Force, was nominated as White's replacement. Roche now must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the 19th Secretary of the Army.

It was Spring 2001 when White made his first speech as the Secretary of the Army. In front of a group of senior noncommissioned officers, he first introduced the Army to his ideas of transformation and better business practices.

As a former Enron executive who specialized in getting companies to outsource services, one of White's goals was to get the Army out of non-war-related business.

"The last two years have been a period of enormous importance for our Army and the country. The Installation Management Agency, Network Enterprise Technology Command and the Army Contracting Agency are examples of improvements to our business practices," White said during an intimate ceremony that was hosted by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki.

As a tag team White and Shinseki have both awarded countless soldiers for heroic acts and accomplishments, but this time White stood still while Shinseki pinned the Decoration for Distinguished Civilian Service Medal on him.

White received the highest award for civilian service in an auditorium filled with his family members, close friends, members of Congress and Pentagon personnel. In formation stood units from the 3rd U.S. Infantry (Old Guard), and the Army Band, "Pershing's Own."

The soldier and his family is why White said he joined the Army team again after retiring as a brigadier general in 1990.

"We came back to the Army two years ago for only one reason, to give something back to the institution that changed my life and gave so much to me," White said.

The Residential Communities Initiative, which uses commercial contractors to improve family housing, was an accomplishment White listed. "By 2007, we will have contracts in place to provide over 72,000 new or refurbished homes to Army families stationed in the United States," he said.

"We are transforming concurrently with winning the global War on Terrorism. It ain't the 'shock and awe' of the operational plan that wins wars, it's all about having the best soldiers," White said, which was followed by thunderous applause from the audience.

When White came on board, the Army was in the process of transforming under the vision of Shinseki. But the chief told the audience members that White reinforced his efforts to bridge the operational gap between the rapidly deployable lighter forces and the later arriving heavier forces.

"He [White] fought to increase the Army's momentum in its advance toward the objective force and the future combat system, and he worked tirelessly with Congress to improve housing, pay, and education for soldiers and their family members," Shinseki said.

Two tours in Vietnam and the War on Terrorism are bookends to a career that spans over 36 years and makes White a veteran of three wars, Shinseki said at the end of his 15-minute tribute to White.

The former cavalry officer closed out his Army career holding his grandson, Thomas E. White IV, and watching the Army Band march away playing "The Army Goes Rolling Along."

News Shorts

New Web site online for unit Manning

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) - The Unit Manning Task Force now has a dedicated Web site that can be accessed via PERSCOM On-line and AKO.

The new site at <https://www.unitmanning.army.mil> provides unit manning information in five broad categories: overview, research/history, current events, products and discussion/feedback.

The Unit Manning Task Force was chartered by Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John Keane on Oct. 18 to develop unit manning recommendations to reduce turbulence in the operational force, and enable unit commanders to build and sustain highly cohesive and well-trained teams.

The Army announced May 5 that it will use the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) as the first unit to use unit manning personnel polices instead of the current personnel system of individual replacements. The 172nd, based at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, will use the Unit Manning Initiative as it becomes the third Army unit to transform into a Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

Under the Unit Manning Initiative, groups of soldiers will arrive together at a unit and train together day-to-day, through a standard 36-month tour, said Lt. Col. Paul Thornton, unit manning action officer. He said under the current individual replacement system, soldiers leave and come into units on a monthly basis.

The current system requires constant retraining of individual and collective tasks to get new soldiers up to speed, Thornton said.

Unit manning will support Personnel Transformation, enable unit rotations, and provide cohesive Army units that will excel in the uncertain environment faced today, personnel officials said.

There are many misconceptions about unit manning, according to members of the task force. They said the Web site will help clarify the issues.

"Unit manning is not COHORT," explained Lt. Col. Dave Goehring, a program manager on the task force, "this site will provide soldiers with the latest information on this Army initiative."

Task force members also encourage soldiers to check the Web site often and provide suggestions.

25th Annual Intelligence Ball scheduled

The 25th annual U.S. Army Intelligence Ball is scheduled to be held at the Mark Center of the Alexandria Hilton at 8 p.m. Sept. 20. More information will be provided at a later date.

Army lifts OIF 'stop movement'

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — With the victory in Iraq, the Army is lifting its "stop movement" order issued earlier this year so that soldiers will soon be able to report to their next assignment.

The "stop loss" measures — keeping soldiers in certain job specialties and in selected units from leaving active duty — is also expected to be incrementally lifted in the near future.

Between December and February, the Army executed an active-component unit stop move and stop loss to stabilize forces preparing for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Army Personnel Command officials said. With the cessation of OIF major combat operations, they said the Army is lifting "stop move" to again distribute soldiers across the force, to satisfy readiness and professional development needs.

Around Town

Annapolis: The 18th Century just miles away

by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt
Editor, *The Voice*

Nestled quietly along the Chesapeake Bay, lies one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in America. Founded in 1649, Annapolis, Md., offers a delightful combination of American history, shopping and seafood cuisine as visitors walk along the old brick sidewalks and enjoy a city that appears to have come right out of the 18th century.

Annapolis was originally designed to look like a European city. Instead of using a customary grid, as most cities in America use, the city was designed using circles. Streets radiate from these circles to create focal points and give importance to certain structures throughout the city.

One such circle is Church Circle, which displays St. Anne's Episcopal Church, regarded as the spiritual center of the city. Here one can view a 18th century church that was originally built as the Church of England when America was a colony. As the Church of England, it was supported by colonial taxpayers.

State Circle, rising over the harbor, is where the State House and the seat of the Maryland government are. The State House and Dome is the oldest state capitol still in continuous legislative use. Construction of the State House began in 1772 and it was the first peacetime capitol of the United States. In fact, the Continental Congress met in the Old Senate



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

The State House and its Dome in Annapolis, Md., is the oldest state capital in the United States and it was used to ratify the Treaty of Paris, marking the end of the Revolutionary War.

Chamber of the State House from November 1783 to August 1784 and it was where the Treaty of Paris was ratified, marking the end of the Revolutionary War.

But for many, Annapolis is synonymous with the United States Naval Academy. Founded in 1845 in an old Army fort, the Naval Academy has grown to fill a 238-acre campus located just

north of downtown Annapolis, at the mouth of the Severn River. More than 10,000 students apply to the academy each year to fill about 1,200 openings in the freshmen class. The student body, or brigade of midshipmen, numbers about 4,000.

However, the Naval Academy isn't even the oldest college in town. That distinction belongs to St. John's College, founded in 1696. It's the third oldest college in the United States, behind Harvard and William and Mary.

Just south of St. John's College, rests the city dock which is at the heart of the Historic District where many of the city's original 18th century buildings still stand. In fact, the skyline of the Annapolis harbor has remained much the same for hundreds of years. Annapolis owns more original 18th century structures than any other city in the United States and many are open to the public.

At the city dock you'll also find the Market House, harbormaster's office, work boats, tour boats and visiting ships. Numerous shops and restaurants line the waterfront and sightseeing cruises and water taxis leave from the dock regularly.

To get to Annapolis from Fort George G. Meade, Md., take MD-32 East for about ten miles; MD-32 East becomes I-97 South and take that for seven miles; Merge onto US-50 East/US 301 North via the exit on the left toward Annapolis/Bay Bridge; Take the Rowe Boulevard South exit-exit number 24- toward Annapolis; Merge onto MD-70 East; Turn right onto College Avenue/MD-450 West and enter the Church Circle roundabout. The trip is roughly about 25 miles away from Fort Meade.



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

The city dock is at the heart of the Historic District in Annapolis, Md., where visitors can find the Market House, harbormaster's office, work boats, tour boats and visiting boats. Numerous shops and restaurants line the waterfront and sightseeing cruises leave from the dock regularly.

Mind Scramblers . . . You Know, You Know

Below is a list of very simple questions. So simple in fact, that you know the answer without even thinking about it? Or do you? The following questions deal with things you do or see everyday and (hopefully) don't even notice until you see something that is different than what you have come to know and expect. (Answers in July edition of the Voice)

1. Which suit is the suicide King?
2. How many presidents face to the right on a current U.S. coin (and which one(s))?
3. Which direction does the mouse pointer point?
4. Looking down from the North Pole, which way does the Earth rotate?
5. Which way do all exterior house doors open?
6. On which side of the faucet is the hot water?
7. Which was the first human invention to break the sound barrier?
8. Who is on the \$10 dollar bill?
9. How many pockets do jeans have?
10. Is is possible to put a bookmark between pages 143 and 144 in any given book?
11. What is missing from a "Dr. Pepper" label?
12. What does http stand for?
13. How many knuckles do you have on your hands?
14. How many knuckles do you have on your feet?



X-Cues Me! Admit it already: you, and/or someone/everyone else you know, have an obsession with billiards. Or maybe it's just the people I happen to know. Either way, this puzzle really has nothing to do with the rules of bil-liards. All you have to do is use the digits on the balls given, combine them in any order into two numbers, and use one of the four basic mathematical opera-tions (+, -, x, /) once to obtain a result equal to the bold-faced table number. The double-digit numbers retain the order of their digits, (i.e. manipulate them as one entity) and you will use a different operation on each table. Example: for Table 1395, you might try 1134+515. This is obviously incorrect, but you get the picture. (Answers in July edition of the Voice)

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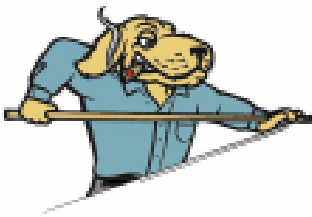


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Upcoming BOSS Events



Feed the Homeless
Last Monday of every month, July 28. Meet at 4217 Roberts Ave. at 5:30 p.m. Estimated time back is 9:00p.m.

Busch Gardens

Saturday, July 19
Free to all servicemembers. Transportation will be provided, but it is not mandatory. **Deadline is July 9 for sign-up.**



White Water Rafting
Saturday, August 2
White water rafting trip to Ohiopyle, Md. **Deadline is July 7 for sign-up.**

New York City

August 16 and 17
Overnight trip to NYC, includes Broadway show, tour, shopping and other group activities.



Paintball Tournament
Saturday, July 12
Possible paint ball tourna-ment in Annapolis, Md. Tournament pending, depends on participation.

BOSS Meetings

The Fort Meade BOSS meets every second Tues-day of the month at 11:00 a.m., 4217 Roberts Ave. on the third floor.



For more information on the BOSS program contact the 704th MI Brigade representative, Pfc. Rebecca Johnson, at (301) 677-0745

You're Big News

Just got promoted? Won soldier of the month? Just graduated from a school or have you been anywhere interesting lately? Let you family and friends back home know what you're accomplishing. Stop by the 704th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs Office and fill out a Hometown News Release Form (DD2266) or simply drop the completed form by the PAO office. It's fast and it's simple. If you have any questions, contact Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt at (301) 677-0173.

May Mind Scrambler answers

List #1

1. The West Wing
2. Will and Grace
3. The Simpsons
4. Just Shoot Me
5. The District
6. Dawson's Creek
7. Law and Order
8. Friends
9. Judging Amy
10. Malcolm in the Middle

List #2

1. Growing Pains
2. The A-Team
3. Charles in Charge
4. Who's the Boss
5. The Cosby Show
6. Family Tree
7. The Facts of Life
8. Different Strokes

Triathlon ... from page 1

one event.

Paul Wetzel was the winner in the best individual male category. He took home a cooler donated by McDonald's. Best individual female was Julie Duke who won a water bottle and a tee shirt donated by Curves for Women. Wetzel and Duke are both civilian employees at the NSA.

Best male was the Y-Not, best female team was Team Boothe. Each member of the Y-Not team won a DVD and the ladies from Team Boothe each received tanning packages donated by Tan and Sassy tanning salon.

Perhaps the mixed team (male and female) took home the best

prize; Out-on-a-whim won a free party courtesy of Jillian's Restaurant with 25 of their closest friends. Sometimes it pays to play in the rain.

(Capt. Kenneth Redman, commander, Company C, 741st Military Intelligence Battalion, 704th MI Brigade explains to competitors what was to be the first servicewide triathlon held on Fort George G. Meade, Md., has been changed to a biathlon due to heavy lightning in the area. The event was hosted by the 704th MI Brigade's own Company C. Photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt).



Board winners ... from page 7

704th MI Brigade is her first duty station after her arrival in 1999.

"I started studying for these boards in January," said Negron. "I'm able to retain a lot of information, so for the first board I studied hard for about two-weeks. After that, I just refreshed my studies for every board afterwards."

Negron began her military career when she attended Basic Training in 1998 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and then moved on to Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Pensacola, Fla., where she obtained the military occupational specialty (MOS) non-morse signal analyst.

Jackson from Savannah, Ga., began her military career in 1998 when she attended Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and then moved on to AIT at Goodfellow Air Base, Texas, and Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where she obtained the MOS signal



photo by Staff Sgt. Brent Hunt

Sgt. Maria Negron was crowned NCO of the Quarter for both the 704th MI Brigade and Fort George G. Meade, Md.

intelligence analyst.

The 704th MI Brigade is

Jackson's third duty assignment while serving in the Army. Prior to her

arrival at Fort Meade, she was stationed in Wurzburg, Germany, with the 1st Infantry Division. During her stint with the 1st ID, she was deployed to Kosovo for four months.

"I was more nervous for the battalion Soldier of the Quarter board than any other board," said Jackson. "I wasn't as nervous for the post board, but I started getting nervous when the board members said I didn't have to sing the Army song. Singing the Army song calms me down."

To become the Fort Meade NCO or Soldier of the Quarter, Negron and Jackson first competed at their company NCO and Soldier of the Month boards. Following those victories, they went on to win the company, battalion, brigade and then the Fort Meade NCO and Soldier of the Quarter boards.

Next up for the two? Competing for NCO and Soldier of the Year.

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Vision Statement

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